

performing retrieval of a table to find an e-mail address of the sender so as to allow a recipient of the digitized voice to respond to the sender, the retrieval being based on the sender number; and

obtaining the at least one voice reply message from the memory and attaching the at least one voice reply message to an e-mail to be sent to the e-mail address of the sender,

wherein the table provides a correspondence between a plurality of e-mail addresses and a plurality of sender numbers, and

wherein the e-mail is capable of being opened by the sender so that the sender can review the at least one voice response message of the recipient, by the sender opening the e-mail attachment and reviewing the at least one voice response message.

D2 12. (Three Times Amended) A method of processing voice mail comprising the steps of:

storing in a memory, at least one voice reply message from a recipient;

storing, in the memory, a digitized voice sent from a sender to the recipient;

identifying the sender of the digitized voice upon obtaining the digitized voice from the memory, the identifying being performed based on a proper number corresponding to the sender that is attached to the digitized voice;

storing, based on the proper number, the digital voice at a particular memory address within the memory, the particular memory address being assigned to the sender;

performing retrieval of a table to find an e-mail address corresponding to the proper number so as to allow a recipient of the digitized voice to respond to the sender, the retrieval being based on the sender number; and

obtaining the at least one voice reply message from the memory and attaching the at least one voice reply message to an e-mail to be sent to the e-mail address of the sender,

wherein the table provides a correspondence between a plurality of e-mail addresses and a plurality of proper numbers, and

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wherein the e-mail is capable of being opened by the sender so that the sender can review the at least one voice response message of the recipient, by the sender opening the e-mail attachment and reviewing the at least one voice response message.

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17. (New) The voice mail apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one voice response message is first converted to a text message prior to being attached to the email to be output to the sender.

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18. (New) The voice mail apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sender is capable of reviewing the at least one voice response message by either audibly playing the e-mail attachment via a computer speaker when the e-mail attachment is an audio file, or visually displaying the e-mail attachment via a computer monitor when the e-mail attachment is a text file.

19. (New) The voice mail apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the at least one voice response message is first converted to a text message prior to being attached to the email to be output to the sender.

20. (New) The voice mail apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the sender is capable of reviewing the at least one voice response message by either audibly playing the e-mail attachment via a computer speaker when the e-mail attachment is an audio file, or visually displaying the e-mail attachment via a computer monitor when the e-mail attachment is a text file.

21. (New) The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the at least one voice response message is first converted to a text message prior to being attached to the email to be output to the sender.

22. (New) The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the sender is capable of reviewing the at least one voice response message by either audibly playing the e-mail attachment via a computer speaker when the e-mail attachment

is an audio file, or visually displaying the e-mail attachment via a computer monitor when the e-mail attachment is a text file.

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23. (New) The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein the at least one voice response message is first converted to a text message prior to being attached to the email to be output to the sender.

24. (New) The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein the sender is capable of reviewing the at least one voice response message by either audibly playing the e-mail attachment via a computer speaker when the e-mail attachment is an audio file, or visually displaying the e-mail attachment via a computer monitor when the e-mail attachment is a text file.
